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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: United States Forces Korea (USFK) Command Policy Letter #43, Space Available Travel Privileges for Non-Command Sponsored Dependents

1. This letter supersedes USFK Command Policy Letter #43, 14 Nov 06. It remains in effect until specifically rescinded or superseded.

2. References:

- a. DoD 4515.13R, Air Transportation Eligibility, dated Nov 1994.
- b. Air Mobility Command (AMC) 24-101, Volume 14, Military Airlift Passenger Services.
- c. DoD 4500.54-G, Foreign Clearance Guide (Certified current, 21 Nov 03).
- d. USPACOMINST 0201.2, U.S. Pacific Command Unfunded Environmental and Morale Leave Program, dated 16 Sep 2005.
- 3. This policy letter applies to all USFK active duty members serving an unaccompanied PCS overseas tour.
- 4. Non-command sponsored dependents traveling to visit their sponsors at their unaccompanied duty location is a significant quality of life enhancement for Service members stationed in Korea. Commanders at all levels should help facilitate the Service member's request as much as possible. Brigade/Wing Commanders or headquarters staff equivalent endorsement will be the final approval authority. Requests from unit commanders for space-available (Space-A) travel by non-command sponsored dependents visit must be submitted using the enclosed memorandum.
- 5. Non-command sponsored dependents utilizing Space-A travel are authorized one, 30-day visit per 365-day period. Visit extensions are not authorized. Non-command sponsored dependents desiring Space-A travel to the Republic of Korea will be limited to Department of Defense (DoD) flights to/from the United States (U.S.), including military installations located overseas and in U.S. territories, and any aerial port of debarkation within the Republic of Korea during force protection conditions (FPCON) ALPHA and BRAVO. Upon arrival at the sponsor's PCS location, non-command sponsored dependents are not eligible for Space-A travel beyond the sponsor's PCS location, whether accompanied by the sponsor or unaccompanied.

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- a. Sponsors must be aware of the potential for non-availability of Space-A seating and plan accordingly based on peaks and lulls of the Space-A system. Family member travelers must have adequate funds for commercial travel back to their OCONUS/CONUS point of travel origination. The availability of Space-A flights has diminished since the deactivation of the Patriot Express flights. Non-command sponsored dependent Space-A travel on DoD flights to any aerial port of debarkation within the Republic of Korea is not permitted during FPCONs CHARLIE or DELTA.
- b. Non-command sponsored dependents traveling Space-A to visit members at dependent restricted locations are not authorized to use Environmental Moral Leave privileges in accordance with reference (d). Non-command sponsored dependents will travel in Category V, or if accompanied by their sponsor, Category III priority.
- 6. Service components are responsible for providing information on non-command sponsored dependents' entitlements/privileges regarding AAFES facilities, commissaries, health care, and other services they may need while visiting in Korea.
- 7. The point of contact for this policy letter is J1, Manpower and Personnel Policy and Programs Division, 723-4718, <u>usfkj1jmod@korea.army.mil</u>.

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